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SUBJECT: SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL SHIPPING LINE

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1. THE NZ MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, C C A MCLACHLAN
ON MARCH 8, IN WELCOMING AGREEMENT
TO ESTABLISH A SOUTH PACIFIC SHIPPING LINE, NOTED
THAT NZ HAD ALREADY ANNOUNCED WILLINGNESS TO
CONTRIBUTE A VESSEL TO THE LINE.

2. MFA PACIFIC DIVISION OFFICER, S S CARLAW,
TOLD E/C COUNSELOR THAT GNZ WAS NOT 100 PER CENT
SURE, THOUGH HE IS OPTIMISTIC OF OUTCOME, OF STEPS
TO ARRANGE SUPPLY OF SHIP. CARLAW EXPLAINED THAT
ACTION INVOLVED A SHIFTING OF ROUTES AND SERVICES
OF THREE SHIPS AT PRESENT SERVING DIFFERENT PACIFIC ISLANDS.

3. THE LUHESAND, WHICH IS PLYING BETWEEN NZ,
TAHITI, SAMOA AND TONGA, IS OPERATING AT A LOSS
OF ABOUT \$300,000 PER YEAR, IT IS SUB-CHARTERED FROM
A GERMAN COMPANY TO THE UNION STEAM SHIP COMPANY.

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4. THE TOA MOANA AND LORENA (BOTH SMALLER
SHIPS) OPERATE FROM NZ TO THE COOK ISLANDS AND
NIUE EVERY TWO WEEKS. THEIR OPERATION IS ALSO
SUBSIDIZED BY GNZ.

5. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE LHESAND, WHOSE

CHARTER WILL END IN JULY WILL BE REPLACED BY
ANOTHER SHIP. THE GNZ PLAN IS THAT REPLACEMENT
AND THE TOA MOANA WOULD OPERATE THE SERVICES TO
THE ISLANDS INDICATED ABOVE.

6. THE

YTFA WOULD THEN BE CHARTERED TO THE
SOUTH PACIFIC LINE. IT WOULD BE OPERATED WITH A
NZ CREW. THIS WILL REQUIRE A SUBSIDY IN ORDER TO
GET NZ UNION ACCEPTANCE REGARDING PAY, ETC. THE
LORENA IS ABOUT 1000 TONS.

7. SPEC HAS NOT (PREPEAT NOT) YET BEEN ADVISED OF
THE SHIP WHICH WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE SP LINE.
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